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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WHITTEN ET AL.

Examiner

Tri M. Mai

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keller (6415919) in view of Rich et al. (5458240). Keller teaches a body having a throat, a bottom, elongated stay 14 in a pocket 54. Keller meets all claimed limitations except for the access port 152. Rich teaches that it is known in the art to provide an access port. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide an access portion in either Keller or Sup as taught by Rich to enable one to maintain or to provide additional space for storing contents.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Locke et al. (1951158). Locke teaches a body having a throat, a bottom, elongated stays 7 in a pocket 10, and a access point at 29.

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4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sup in view of Rich et al. Sup teaches a body having a throat, a bottom, elongated stay 16 in a pocket 21. Sup meets all claimed limitations except for the access port. Rich teaches that it is known in the art to provide an access port. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide an access portion in either Keller or Sup as taught by Rich to enable one to maintain or to provide additional space for storing contents.


5. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either Locke or Sup in view of either Keller or Izzo (5042704). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a spine in either Locke or Sup as taught by either Keller or Izzo (37) to provide reinforcement for the handle.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tri M. Mai 
Primary Examiner
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